

and capacity to purchase, have, hold, occupy and possess, for the use of said town, all such real estate within the corporate limits of the same as shall, in their discretion, be necessary for the erection of any public building whatever, and for suitable yard, grounds and enclosures appurtenant to said buildings, or which may be necessary for any public purposes or the wants of said commissioners, or their servants or agents.

Bonds.

SEC. 22. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of the town of Asheville shall have full power and authority to issue bonds in such form as they may deem admissible for the improvement of the streets, and for the payment of any purchase of public buildings thought to be necessary by them for the public good: *Provided*, They shall not have at any time outstanding more than ten thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Vote of "No License"

SEC. 23. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, if the qualified voters in said town shall vote "No License," in pursuance of the provisions of an act passed the session of the Legislature of 1858 and 1859, that then the commissioners shall have power and authority to prevent the sale of "spirituous liquors, except for medical purposes, and then only under such restrictions and ordinances as may be passed by the board of commissioners.

No abridgement of powers heretofore granted.

SEC. 24. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed so as to abridge any of the rights and powers of said commissioners heretofore received by them, whether such powers were delegated to them by some special act of the Legislature, or by the general laws of this State in reference to towns; and the provisions of this act shall not interfere with the powers of the present commissioners of said town.

Repealing section.

SEC. 25. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and clauses of laws coming in conflict with this act, be and they are hereby repealed; and all laws and clauses of laws in reference to said town, and all rules, ordinances and regulations of said town not heretofore repealed nor conflicting with this act, shall remain in full force.

*Ad valorem* tax on slaves.

SEC. 26. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of said town, in levying taxes, shall levy an *ad valorem* tax on slaves.